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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The Examiner indicates:

... [I]t is well known in the semiconductor manufacturing arts to use an identification code to store test results for an integrated circuit device. However, the storing of a reliability testing flag associated with a unique identification code of each integrated circuit device of the plurality of integrated circuit devices, wherein the integrated circuit devices are sorted based on said flag and further

reliability testing is performed based on said flag renders the invention novel and non-obvious over the prior art.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application, a check in the amount of \$40.00, and a Request to Apply Previously Paid Issue Fee to Issue Fee Required by New Notice of Allowance. On May 26, 2004, Applicant paid \$1,645.00 toward the issue fee, publication fee, and five (5) extra copies of the patent when issued. The

\$40.00 amount enclosed herein represents the difference between the issue fee previously paid and the issue fee increase that went into effect as of October 1, 2004.

Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (8 pages); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicant understands that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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Enclosures: Part B - Issue Fee Transmittal  
Check No. 21147 in the amount of \$40.00  
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Request to Apply Previously Paid Issue Fee to Issue Fee Required by New Notice of Allowance (2 pages, plus attached copy of Decision)  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the Decision on Petition mailed August 9, 2004 (a copy of which is attached hereto), Applicant respectfully requests that the issue fee paid May 26, 2004 in the amount of \$1,645.00 be applied to the issue fee due under the new Notice of Allowance mailed September 13, 2004. The \$1,645.00 amount represented payment for the issue fee, the publication fee, plus five (5) extra copies of the patent when issued.

This Request is submitted simultaneously with the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b) and accompanying papers.

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Attachment: Copy of Decision on Petition mailed August 9, 2004

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